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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

This is in response to the Office Action dated November 13, 2008, in which the Examiner has required restriction between Group I, namely Claim 1, and Group II, namely Claims 2 -5. Applicant hereby provisionally elects with traverse to prosecute the claims of Group II (Claims 2 - 5) and expressly reserves the right to file divisional applications or take such other appropriate measures deemed necessary to protect the inventions in the remaining claims.

Despite the above stated response to the Restriction Requirement, the Applicants respectfully traverse this Restriction Requirement. Specifically, the Applicants note that notwithstanding the statement in paragraph 6 of the Restriction Requirement that "there would be a serious search and examination burden if restriction were not required . . ." in paragraph 2 of the Restriction Requirement, the Examiner states that "Claims 1-5 . . . have been examined." If the claims subject to the Restriction Requirement "have been examined," how would it be burdensome for the Examiner to examine these claims?

Because the claims subject to the Restriction Requirement "have been examined," and thus the examination of these claims is not a burden to the Examiner, the Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner withdraw the present Restriction Requirement.

Should the Examiner have further questions or comments with respect to examination of this case, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner telephone the undersigned so that further examination of this application can be expedited.

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The Applicants respectfully petition for a five month extension of time to respond to the November 13, 2008 Non-Final Action. The Applicants further request that any fee required therefore is hereby authorized to be charged to Deposit Account No. 16-0605.

Respectfully submitted,



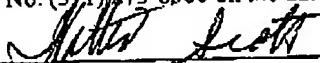
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